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**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH**  
**City Manager's Newsletter**

**TO:** Mayor Selich & Council Members  
**FROM:** Dave Kiff, City Manager  
**DATE:** October 9, 2015

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Please enjoy the attached newsletters...





To: City Manager Dave Kiff  
From: City Clerk Leilani Brown  
Re: Monthly Newsletter  
Date: October 9, 2015

## Congratulations to the Third Quarter Rideshare \$100 Winners!!

- ✚ Ivan Juarez
- ✚ Lloyd Ellis
- ✚ David Keely
- ✚ Jonathon Harmon
- ✚ Thomas Van Andel
- ✚ Sarah Rodriguez
- ✚ Daniel Bendoraitis
- ✚ Bruce Hicks
- ✚ Jenny Sudo
- ✚ Richard Aguirre



## Also to the Monthly (July/August/September) Car Wash Drawing Winners!

Sonia Villalvazo, Adam Schwegman, John Kappeler, Jeff Boyles,  
Mary Locey & Elizabeth Arciniega

### Join the Rideshare Program

If you're thinking about leaving your solo commute behind, even if only one or two days a week, you're already ahead of the pack. We have options and tools to help make getting there easier: find park-and-ride lots, see how much you can save on your taxes by commuting, and calculate how much commuting can help you reduce your carbon footprint.

More than \$8,600 is saved annually by individuals who seek to 'Ride Out' the rough economy by riding public transportation.

Commuting Cost Comparison:

**Carpool** - Saves you 50%-75%  
**Vanpool** - Saves you 50% or more  
**Metrolink** - Saves you 50% or more

**Bus** - \$69 a month  
**Bike** - Nearly free & a great workout  
**Walk** - Cheaper than a health club!

Contacts: Jennifer Mulvey for City Hall x3005 and Cindy Ray for Police x3704



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Kimberly Brandt, Community Development Director

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### ***Coastal Commission APPROVES the Lido House Hotel!***

On October 7, 2015, the California Coastal Commission approved the Lido House Hotel that will replace the old City Hall complex in Lido Village. Mayor Edward Selich, Mayor Pro Tem Diane Dixon, City Manager Dave Kiff, and Bob Olson of RD Olson Development presented the project to Commissioners. The approval was the culmination of four years of community engagement and careful planning, and the hotel will be cornerstone for revitalizing the Lido Village area.



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Aerial View | Overall Site  
Newport Beach, CA | LIDO HOUSE HOTEL

Changes to the Coastal Land Use Plan were approved first including several modifications that will require subsequent Planning Commission and City Council approval. The Coastal Development Permit application for the hotel itself was also approved after a spirited debate about an innovative City proposal to provide lower cost visitor and recreational facilities.



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The City's new approach is to create a recreational program called Fostering Interest in Nature (or FiiN) where underprivileged youth from inland area Title 1 schools are provided a three-night camp experience at the Newport Dunes between February and May each year. The 10-year program would include an educational component focusing on ocean safety, coastal and marine ecology, coastal hazards, and/or other coastal-related topics. Water-oriented recreational activities such as kayaking, boating, swimming or surfing will also be available. A special thank you goes out to the Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort and the Recreation and Senior Services Department for their support and willingness to go the extra mile to help make this concept come together.

With this significant milestone reached, staff will be working with RD Olson to fast track the next phase...final design, permitting, and construction!

### ***Coastal Commission Postpones Action on Newport Banning Ranch***

After an eight-hour public hearing, the California Coastal Commission postponed action on the 400-acre Newport Banning Ranch coastal development permit application. At the request of the Chair Steve Kinsey, the applicant, Newport Banning Ranch, LLC, agreed to a 90-day extension to provide an opportunity to work with Coastal Commission staff to come up with a reduced footprint project that would clean up the oil field and open to public access while reducing potential impacts to environmentally sensitive habitat areas.

The Newport Banning Ranch project was approved by the City in 2012 and consists of a maximum of 1,375 dwelling units, 75,000 square feet of commercial retail, 75-room boutique hotel, "bed and breakfast," or other overnight accommodations, parks and open space.

### ***Credit Union of Southern California***

The City Council approved a lease agreement with Credit Union of Southern California (CU SoCal) for the retail space located on the second floor of the expanded Central Library, across from Bistro 24 Café, at the Civic Center. Credit Union of Southern California offers membership to anyone that lives, works, worships, or goes to school in Orange, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties; family members of the credit union members are also eligible to join.



Chartered in 1954, CU SoCal has over \$900 million in assets, more than 15 branch locations, and account access at more than 30,000 no-surcharge ATMs. CU SoCal offers a full range of financial products: home and auto loans, commercial loans, no-fee Visa loans, no-



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fee checking and certificates of deposits, money market accounts, and financial planning services. The Credit Union of Southern California recently merged with the Newport Beach Employees Federal Credit Union. Find out more on their website: [www.cusocal.org](http://www.cusocal.org). CU SoCal is expected to open their branch in the Central Library mid-November 2015.

### **McFadden Square Certified Farmers' Market**

City Council recently approved a license agreement for Sprouts of Promise to relocate their farmers' market from Lido Marina Village to McFadden Square - at the base of the Newport Pier. A growing list of farmers, local food producers, and artisans will be selling their products weekly on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Check out the market's website at [www.newportbeachfm.com](http://www.newportbeachfm.com) or find them on Facebook.

### **Attention All Real Estate Professionals!**

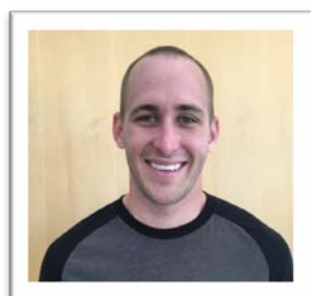
You can now apply for the Residential Building Records (RBR) report online. Save time and it's *EASY*. All major credit cards accepted.

Go to: [www.newportbeachca.gov/onlinepermitting](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/onlinepermitting)

For questions, you may contact Judi Igasaki at (949) 644-3291 or [jigasaki@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:jigasaki@newportbeachca.gov)

A promotional graphic for the City of Newport Beach. It features the city logo at the top left. The main text reads "CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH" in large blue letters. Below this, it says "Applications for Residential Building Records" in a mix of blue and red fonts. To the left is a graphic of a red "AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW" sign on a post. At the bottom left, it says "NEW iPERMIT CITIZEN ACCESS SELF SERVICE" with the website "www.newportbeachca.gov/onlinepermitting". On the right is a QR code with a hand icon and the text "Scan Me".

### **Code Enforcement Trainee**



The Code Enforcement Division is pleased to announce the promotion of Zach Michael to Code Enforcement Trainee. Zach is currently a student aide in the Community Development Department assigned to assist with records retention. After an intense recruitment process that included a written exam, and multiple interviews with an outside panel and City staff, Zach was selected for the position.

Zach is currently enrolled at California State University Fullerton majoring in kinesiology with an emphasis on bio-mechanics. He is a licensed EMT and graduated from Santa Ana Basic Fire Academy. Zach's pastimes include surfing and backpacking. His last trip was a three day solo backpacking trip summiting Mt. Gorgonio.

Zach will be tasked with enforcing quality of life complaints including gas leaf blowers, refuse, water conservation, solicitation, and various other issues. Code Enforcement staff welcome Zach to the team and wish him all the best as he starts his year-long field training program.



Date: October 9, 2015  
To: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
From: Dan Matusiewicz, Finance Director  
Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

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## California State Controller's Office

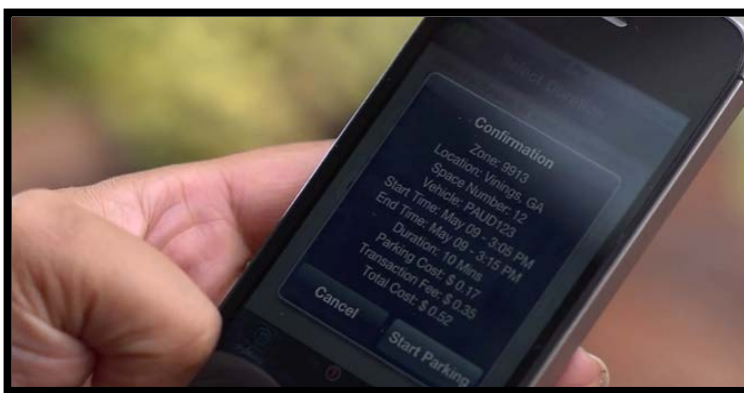
### ***Annual Street Report Update***

This week an auditor from the State Controller's Office came to assist in the preparation of the City's Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Annual Street Report, which is required to be in a form prescribed by the Controller. The report includes a statement of all revenues and expenditures related to street and road purposes. Information from the Annual Street Report from all cities is later compiled and published in the Streets and Roads Annual Report which summarizes the monies made available to and expended by local agencies for construction, maintenance, and other street and road-related activities within the state each year.

## ***Grants and Donations Update***

The City Manager did not accept any donations or grants on behalf of the City during the quarter ending September 30, 2015. Council Policy F-3, Section C.2, states the Council is to be formally notified each quarter of the acceptance of such funds.

## ***Parkmobile – Parking Made Easy***



Parkmobile is an application used to pay for parking on your mobile phone. This app eliminates the need for coin or any kind of currency used to feed a parking meter. The app also enables users to extend their parking session without returning to the meter. Download it today!

### HOW IT WORKS

- 1 Look for the Parkmobile sign or sticker.
- 2 Once registered, use the Parkmobile app to enter in the zone number listed on the sign to start a parking session.
- 3 **That's it!** And just to make life easier, you can opt-in to receive a notification 15 minutes before your parking session is set to expire.

**HAVE QUESTIONS?**  
*Call the Finance  
Department's  
Revenue Division at  
949-644-3141.*



**Newport Beach Fire Department  
Office of the Fire Chief**

DATE: October 9, 2015  
TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
FROM: Scott Poster, Fire Chief  
SUBJECT: **CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER**

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**October 11 – Fire Service Day Open House**



On October 11, the Newport Beach Fire Department and Newport Beach Firefighters' Association will be hosting its annual Fire Service Day Open House.

We will be opening Fire Station 7, located at 20401 SW Acacia, to the public as part of Fire Prevention Week from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On behalf of the Newport Beach Fire Department and Newport Beach Firefighters' Association, we invite you, your family, and friends to be our guest. We will have firefighting demonstrations, apparatus on display, EMS & lifeguard displays, live rescue, antique fire engine, and station tours. Our CERT members will also be on hand. Lunch and snacks will be prepared and served by our Firefighters' Association. We hope to see you there!

**Promotional Ceremony**

On Tuesday, September 15, the Newport Beach Fire Department promoted ten members of the department and recognized three new employees. Two of the promotees, Rick Lazar and Matthew Johnston, were on a strike team fighting the Butte fire in Northern California, and missed the ceremony.





Once again, it was standing room only in the Community Room at the Civic Center as employees, friends, and families came to celebrate.

Those promoted included the following:

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Fire Battalion Chief | Brian McDonough         |
| Fire Battalion Chief | Nick Stocks             |
| Fire Captain         | Rick Lazar              |
| Fire Captain         | J.C. Nessa              |
| Fire Paramedic       | Matthew Johnston        |
| Fire Paramedic       | Michael Kimoto          |
| Lifeguard Captain    | Gary Conwell            |
| Lifeguard Captain    | George "Skeeter" Leeper |
| Lifeguard Captain    | John Moore              |
| Senior Fiscal Clerk  | Linda Foeldi            |

**APPOINTMENTS**

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Administrative Manager      | Angela Crespi      |
| Fire Facilities Coordinator | Ralph Gerardo      |
| Administrative Technician   | Crystal Marie Luna |



Congratulations to all personnel on their well-deserved promotions and appointments!

**Fire and Lifeguard Appreciation Dinner**

On Thursday, September 17, the Commodore's Club of the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce hosted the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire and Lifeguard Appreciation Dinner to recognize firefighters and lifeguards for their professionalism and dedication to their jobs.

This event has traditionally been held outside at Newport Dunes, but this year it was held at the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel & Spa in the rose garden. It was a beautiful and elegant event, and I have been hearing nothing but great comments about the venue.

This year, the honors went to Fire Engineer Casey Blythe as Firefighter of the Year, Lifeguard Officer Boyd Mickley as Lifeguard Supervisor of the Year, and Andy Matsuyama as Seasonal Lifeguard of the Year.

The Newport Beach Fire Department truly appreciates this fun event and all of the sponsors who assisted in hosting it.



Above: Chief Poster and Firefighter of the Year Casey Blythe



Above: Seasonal Lifeguard of the Year Andy Matsuyama and Chief Poster



Left: Lifeguard Supervisor of the Year Boyd Mickley



Above: Mayor Pro Tem Diane Dixon



Above: Casey Blythe and Andy Matsuyama



Another beautiful evening in Newport Beach

## MARINE OPERATIONS DIVISION

### Lifeguard Stats for September 2015

Public Contact	8,647	Medical Aids	257	Rescues	817
Enforcements	1,391	Preventatives	17,820	Beach Population	959,600
Reunited Persons	11				



Pictures taken 09/11/15 with 5-8 foot surf 56<sup>th</sup> Street.



### Peer-2-Pier

On September 20, 2015 the fire and lifeguards, along with the police department, participated in the “Peer-2-Pier Challenge” presented by Team Kids.

This event had approximately 600 participants holding hands in a human chain, as well as holding signs of peace and kindness. The human chain started from the Balboa Pier to the Newport Pier.

(Below: Picture taken by the Daily Pilot on September 21, 2015)



(Pictured at right: Julie Hudash from Team Kids, Newport Lifeguard Chief Rob Williams, Councilman Tony Petros, NMUSD School Board Member Char Metoyer, and Newport Beach Police Department Deputy Chief Jon Lewis.



## **LIFE SAFETY SERVICES DIVISION**

### **Emergency Responder Radio Coverage**

Radio coverage inside buildings during emergency incidents is required to ensure communication availability and the safety of all emergency responders. All new buildings are required to provide emergency responder radio coverage for departments such as fire, police, medical, and utilities.

Since this is a recent code requirement and the 2013 California Fire Code expanded on the section, Life Safety Specialists attended a presentation to better familiarize themselves with this section of the code. Items covered during the class were frequency bands, analog and digital modulation, repeaters, trunking, propagation, distributed antenna system (DAS), and radio system configuration, to name a few.

Terminology will take some getting used to and staff will need to work with various City departments as well as outside agencies to ensure all necessary radio frequencies are included in the design of the radio systems. Ongoing maintenance and annual inspections are issues to be studied because tenant improvement projects can interfere with the radio coverage provided in an existing system.

### **FIRE OPERATIONS/TRAINING SERVICES**

Fire Operations and the Training Services Section have been coordinating Transitional Fire Attack training for the entire department as well as for the Costa Mesa Fire Department. The classroom portion concluded last month and now we have moved to the manipulative portion. These training burns have demonstrated to our crews that survivability for firefighters and civilians greatly increases when doors are closed and several other tactical components are put in place. This training is sweeping the country and is dispelling what were once thought of as “knowns” in the fire service. The scientific research concluded that when applied appropriately to the proper area, minimal water application would drastically reduce temperatures in the area of origin as well as its surrounding areas.



Our crews are getting firsthand experience within this discipline, as well as reinforcing heat stratification layers within closed environments, atmospheric pressures at play, and intake and exhaust ports that change as a fire progresses and suppression tactics are put into place. When participating in these training burns, our crews have been visualizing fire behavior dynamics inside and outside of the structure. This reinforcement now allows all crewmembers to have a better understanding of the importance of visualizing all sides of a structure compromised by fire before entering. This training will continue through December.





## HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

### CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

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DATE: October 9, 2015

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Terri L. Cassidy, J.D., Deputy City Manager/HR Director

SUBJECT: News and Updates from Human Resources

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### HR TOURS MARINA PARK

On September 28, HR was treated to a tour of the under-construction Marina Park facility as guests of Recreation staff. After seeing the plans over lunch, we were able to walk the site, including viewing the playground and lighthouse restroom, staff offices, Community Center and in-progress Marina Slips. This will be a fabulous waterside addition to the City and a fun place to visit when it opens in December.



HR Staff would like to express our appreciation to Recreation and Senior Services Director Laura Detweiler, Deputy Recreation and Senior Services Director Sean Levin, Recreation Managers Justin Schmillen and Racquel Valdez, Recreation Supervisor Jonathon Harmon, and Senior Services Manager Celeste Jardine-Haug for graciously hosting us and showing us the venue. We look forward to the visiting soon for the grand opening (without hard hats and vests!).



## **HUMAN RESOURCES HOSTS ANNUAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND WELLNES FAIR**

Approximately 400 City employees and retirees attended the 2015 Health and Wellness Fair, held at the Central Library, on September 30. Attendees had the opportunity to visit vendors and receive services such as flu shots, blood pressure and body composition screenings in addition to obtaining benefit information for the 2016 plan year.

Human Resources would like to extend a special thank you to Library Services, Municipal Operations, IT, and Finance Department members who helped make the health fair a success, and to the many vendors for their raffle prize donations!





## LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



### Library – Cultural Arts

October 9, 2015

**To:** Dave Kiff, City Manager

**From:** Tim Hetherton, Library Services Director

**Subject:** City Manager's Newsletter

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## Library Services

### New Digital Signs

The Balboa, Corona del Mar, and Mariners Branches, along with the Children's Room at Central Library all had digital screens installed last week. The digital screens have been placed in highly visible areas where customers can see a rotating display of upcoming programs, services and special events.



### Community Outreach

Library staff has taken advantage of several recent events to talk to the community about the library and register new customers for library cards, including our own Heath Fair where City staff members received new NBPL cards. Natalie Basmacyan also represented the Library at an Armenian Festival on October 3-4. The Library was able to connect with hundreds of community members and share information about library programs and resources.

### Medicine in Our Backyard

The fall series of medical lectures began last week with a lecture on "Stroke: The Flow of the Brain." Over 200 residents packed the Central Library Friends Room to hear UC Irvine Health experts talk about the new methods and technology being employed to facilitate recovery from a stroke. The OC Register article on October 7, titled "Spotting a Stroke Quickly can be Key to Recovery," summarized Dr. Steven Cramer's talk and listed the upcoming lectures on a variety of medical-related topics.



### New Staff

Several new staff members began training this month and will be serving customers in the Reference Department, including Aric Wu, Isabel Stevens and Helen Medina, Part-Time Library Assistants at Central Library and Hillary Dakin, Part-Time Library Assistant at Mariners Branch Library.

### Making Memories for Children

The NBPL Foundation began a new series of Gardening Workshops last week as part of its successful Making Memories for Children program. The first program in the series introduced children to backyard composting and the basics of growing a garden. It was led by Erin Aguiar, Horticulture Manager at Sherman Library & Gardens. The second program talked about a favorite kid subject – bugs! Master Gardener Mary Zombek explained how bugs play an important role in the garden.

# Cultural Arts Services

## The End of Summer Concert

Thousands packed the Civic Center Green on Sunday, September 27 for the final 2015 Concert on the Green. Music lovers of all ages picnicked and tailgated to classic Beatles songs performed by Britain's Finest who captured the look and the sound of the four legends with spot-on renditions and several costume changes.



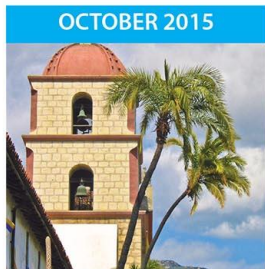
## Upcoming Events

### Art in the Park

The Newport Beach Arts Foundation presents the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Art in the Park this Saturday, October 10. Over 100 artists and artisan craftsmen will be showing and selling their artwork. There will also be art activities for children and adults presented by the Chuck Jones Center for Creativity. Additionally, artist Jamie Stoneman will be on-site creating a watercolor of Art in the Park as the day unfolds. Food and drinks will be available for purchase and the Friends of the Library will host a used book sale.

# CULTURAL ARTS EVENTS

Presented by the Newport Beach City Arts Commission



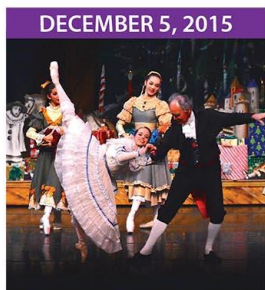
**OCTOBER 2015**  
**ART EXHIBIT**  
"California Missions" Ting-Ting Lee  
Central Library Gallery



**NOVEMBER 2015**  
**ART EXHIBIT**  
"American Alchemy" Joe Lewis  
Central Library Gallery



**DECEMBER 2015**  
**ART EXHIBIT**  
Charlotte Lerner  
Central Library Gallery



**DECEMBER 5, 2015**  
**THE NUTCRACKER**  
Festival Ballet Theatre  
Central Library Friends Room



**MARCH 5, 2016**  
**JOAN IRVING BRANT**  
Centennial Celebration & Exhibit  
Central Library Friends Room



**MARCH 19, 2016**  
**SLEEPING BEAUTY**  
Festival Ballet Theatre  
Central Library Friends Room





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October 9, 2015

**TO:** Dave Kiff, City Manager  
**FROM:** George Murdoch and Mike Pisani, Directors  
**SUBJECT:** *City Manager's Newsletter*

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### **Municipal Operations Department Promotions**

After a competitive recruitment process, we are happy to announce that three of our Groundworker I employees have been promoted to Groundworker II. Congratulations go to Daniel Tovar, Harold Link and Brian George, who are all long-term employees: Daniel - 9 years, Harold - 8 years, and Brian - 24 years of service. Two other Groundworker I employees have been promoted to vacant Utilities Specialist positions in the Water Division. Congratulations to Daniel Hill and Mark Moritz who have worked for the City for 16 and 24 years respectively.

### **Poppy Avenue Tree Removal**

During the September Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission meeting, the City Manager announced the upcoming removal of 33 City trees on the 200 and 300 blocks of Poppy Avenue, as the trees posed an imminent threat to public safety. The direction came as a result of the recommendations made by City arborists and three consulting arborists. The arborists examined 55 trees located on Poppy Avenue to determine the overall health of the trees. Of the 55 trees along the street, 38 were recommended for removal. Of those 38 trees, the City Manager decided that 33 of them posed a significant risk to public safety. Factors that were cited by the arborists for the removal of the City trees included:

- Parkway space in the area is limited to 18"-24", insufficient to appropriately support the growth and development of large Eucalyptus trees;
- Roots of these trees do not grow back after disturbance, which includes roots damaged due to sidewalk, curb, and gutter work or property development by property owners;
- Visible root and limb rot - the arborists noted that conks were appearing both in the canopy and at the root flare of many trees;
- Eucalyptus trees are known to have weak branch attachments to the trunk. These limbs can cause property damage or severely injure anyone who may be struck by them when they fall;
- Eucalyptus trees are trimmed by the City every 1-2 years to reduce risk of limb failure; however, this places additional stress on the trees as they will produce new limbs that have weaker attachments to the trunk;



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- Lerp and Eucalyptus beetle infestations were present in some of the trees;
- Age of the trees.

Great Scott Tree Services, the City's tree service provider, removed the 33 Eucalyptus Trees the week of September 26. The Public Works Department is in the process of designing a new streetscape which will include new curb, gutters, sidewalks and street with enlarged cutouts or parkways of up to 5' to accommodate large boxed replacement specimen trees. In the next few weeks, Public Works will hold a meeting with the residents to present the preliminary streetscape plans.



The future of the remaining trees will be frequently evaluated by City staff. These trees may need to be removed as their health further declines or environmental factors, such as high winds, damage trees that were previously sheltered by the removed trees. The remaining trees may also need to be removed when the new streetscape is installed as the current trees rely on existing hardscape for support. Once the hardscape is removed, the tree will lose its support system and could potentially fail.

### High Tides



The first of four extreme high tide series that are predicted for this fall/winter season has passed without any significant incidents. Tides reached 7'7" on September 29 and 7'7" on September 30. The tides were 1.4 feet above the tide chart forecast. For the last two years high tides have been averaging one foot above what is listed in the charts. The City's seawall repair contractor utilized this last series of high tides

to identify where leaks are occurring in the seawall and will make the necessary repairs to the wall as directed by the Storm Drain Division. The next series of 7 feet and above tides will occur the week of October 26, with the tide potentially reaching 8 feet the morning of October 28. The week of November 22 will be the third series of higher than normal tides with the tide approaching 8 feet on the morning of Thanksgiving Day. The final high tide series for this year is expected to occur the week of December 21 with the tide reaching 8 feet the mornings of December 24 and December 25.





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### Emergency Tree Removal

On September 24, an iconic Special Coral Tree split due to severe rot at the root plate at Ensign View Park (also known as Theater Arts Center). The two remaining trunks of the 50+ year old tree were also undermined with rot. Following staff inspection of the tree, an emergency removal was necessary in order to protect the public. Great Scott Tree Services immediately responded to the incident and removed the damaged tree. The Landscape Division will search for and replace the Special Tree with another Coral tree of significant size. Staff is working with a local donor to upgrade the size of the tree to a 60" box from our standard 36" box replacement, and we expect the new tree to be planted by the end of the month. There were no injuries or significant damage to the adjacent hardscape from the failure of the tree.



### Spyglass Hill Park Facelift

The Concrete Division recently patched the stucco planter walls and pilasters at Spyglass Hill Park at the corner of El Capitan and Spyglass Hill Drives. Additionally, the planter walls, pilasters, and railings were painted by an outside contractor. This repair work vastly improved the park's overall appearance.

*Before*



*After*



### Water Conservation Landscape Project

The Municipal Operations Department continues to renovate City medians in response to the water restrictions ordered by the state due to the ongoing drought. Turf grass at



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the Avocado Avenue median was replaced with drought tolerant plants that included Aloes, Autumn Sage and Gold Lantana to match the existing median planters in the area. Additionally, decomposed granite was installed along the edge of the median to accommodate foot traffic from curbside parking and to buffer against potential irrigation runoff. Irrigation sprinklers were modified with low precipitation rotating nozzles.

*Before*



*After*



### **Storm Drain Relining**

During the first week of October, the City's storm drain relining contractor relined 120 feet of 8 inch corrugated metal storm drain line that ran between two houses located at 612 and 614 Avocado Avenue. This line was installed in the 1950's and was beginning to fail. The City's Concrete Crew assisted with this project by removing the sidewalk and parkway to allow the contractor access to reline the storm drain. The relining process starts with the liner, which is guided down the storm drain using air pressure. The end of the liner is then sealed. After allowing one hour for the liner to cure, water can then be released into the pipe. To finish the project, the contractor sent a robot into the pipe to laser cut the lining. This allowed the residents' private drain lines to flow into the newly relined storm drain.



This entire procedure saved the City countless dollars as the entire length of the storm drain line did not have to be excavated, removed and replaced. The relining process prevented staff from having to remove the existing hardscape and landscape at both properties and then replacing it at the City's cost in order to install a new storm drain. The Concrete Crew is scheduled to install a new access grate, under sidewalk drain, and replace the sidewalk, curb and gutter.

### **Quarterly Wet Well Cleaning**

The City's Wastewater Division has finished their quarterly wet well cleaning of the 19th Street Pump Station. This is one of two stations that require staff to perform confined



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space entry techniques. These techniques are performed to ensure staff is operating in a safe environment at all times. The techniques include:

- Lowering staff into the wet well from a winch that is set up on a tripod.
- Pumping fresh air into the wet well by a blower.
- Constantly monitoring air quality to ensure that staff inside the wet well has sufficient levels of oxygen and no dangerous gases are accumulating.
- Recording the air quality in the event an emergency occurs.
- Having staff in place to intervene should conditions deteriorate. These staff members are stationed outside of the confined space area and can equip self-contained breathing apparatus and a harness should a rescue need to occur.



Staff inside the wet well removed debris with high pressure water from a Vactor truck. The debris was then transported to an area where it can dry out prior to transport to the Orange County Sanitation District for disposal. The City's 21 Wastewater Pump stations produce approximately 10 to 15 yards of debris each quarter.

### **Annual Avon Street Sandbagging**

Storm Drain staff recently replaced a 120 foot long section of 450 deteriorated sandbags on Avon Street behind the Sterling BMW dealership. The new sandbags were stacked two to four rows high after removing the old sandbags. This sandbag wall assists in retaining the mud from the hillside when it rains. Additionally, the sandbag wall directs water from a concrete v-ditch that runs behind a block retaining wall to the freshwater Avon estuary.





## NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
FROM: Jay R. Johnson, Chief of Police  
DATE: October 9, 2015  
**SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER**

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### **9-1-1 FOR KIDS CONTINUES**

With the start of the school year, the Volunteers in Policing (VIPs) have started teaching 9-1-1 for Kids in the schools again. This program is geared toward students in Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and teachers may contact our department to schedule the lesson for their classrooms.

This program reaches hundreds of students in Newport Beach each year and teaches the appropriate use of the 9-1-1 system. In the lesson, children learn how to place a 9-1-1 call and what to say in a police, fire or medical emergency. During the program, a short video is played for the children to view, which utilizes puppets to demonstrate different emergencies requiring a child to call 9-1-1 and to request emergency assistance. Additionally, they learn the importance of both staying on the line with the dispatcher until being directed to hang up and never calling 9-1-1 as a joke or a prank. At the end, children are provided with 9-1-1 stickers that they may place on or near a telephone.



***Volunteer Malcolm Read at Newport Heights Elementary***

## LIEUTENANT STARTS THE FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY

On Monday, October 5, Lieutenant Tom Fischbacher started the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy in Quantico, VA. This 11-week academy is a professional development course for both U.S. and international law enforcement leaders.



The academy offers classes in a variety of topics, including forensic science, leadership and fitness. Participants will also complete leadership and specialized training, sharing ideas, techniques and experiences.

Lieutenant Fischbacher is scheduled to graduate from the National Academy in mid-December. I wish him the best of luck during this rigorous training course!

## NOTABLE ARREST



On Monday, October 5, around 1:30 a.m., our Dispatch received a call regarding a suspicious person trying to open car door handles in the Corona del Mar area. The caller identified the suspect's vehicle, and officers were soon able to locate it.

Inside the vehicle, officers found three occupants, along with a variety of property from a local address. When officers conducted a search at that address, they found a victim vehicle that had been ransacked.

This was an excellent arrest by our officers that started from an observant citizen in the community. As always, the Newport Beach Police Department encourages you to contact our business line at 949-644-3717 to report suspicious activity in the community.

## 2015 RESOLUTION CHALLENGE: OCTOBER

It's October, and that means it's time for another installment in our 2015 Resolution Challenge! We are assuming that everyone reading this newsletter has been locking their doors every time they leave their home. If not, let us recommend that you read up on [March's Challenge](#). But, did you know that your locked door might have a hidden weak spot? Strike plates are attached to the weakest part of a wooden door frame,

usually with a couple very short screws. For October's Challenge, we are encouraging residents to replace those short screws with ones that are at least 3 inches in length. That one simple step (and minimal investment) will provide a great deal of extra security—and it may help you thwart a thief.

Ready to accept this challenge? See more details and enter to win a prize at [www.nbpd.org/resolution](http://www.nbpd.org/resolution).

A blue rectangular graphic with white and gold text. At the top, it reads "2015 Resolution Challenge" in a serif font, with "Challenge" in a larger, cursive font. Below this is "NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT" in a smaller, gold, sans-serif font. On the left side, there is a gold circle containing the number "10" in white. To the right of the circle, the text reads "Thwart a thief! Install 3" screws in your strike plate to bolster the strength of your deadbolt and door frame." in white. At the bottom of the graphic, there is a horizontal line of gold dots.

2015 Resolution  
Challenge  
NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*Thwart a thief!*  
Install 3" screws in  
your strike plate to  
bolster the strength  
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and door frame.





To: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
From: David A. Webb, Public Works Director  
Date: October 09, 2015

### **Lower Castaways is Now on The Map**

The South Launch area includes a park bench, an open area for hand-launching vessels and access to the harbor. Portable restrooms have also been installed. Please stop by to launch your kayak, paddle board, or other small hand-launch vessel.



### **Newport Beach “Gutter Buddies” Work to Change State Water Quality Legislation**

Newport Beach Public Works staff and residents team up to collect water samples from street gutters. The analysis proves that natural sources of “good” bacteria persist and in some cases may result in unnecessary beach warning signs. Fortunately, the State Water Board has reviewed collected data and has a plan to provide a “natural exclusion” clause to address the issue. The result will be fewer beach postings, a reduction in costs to the City and will allow us to focus on alternate health problems in our community.



More information on this study can be found [here](#).

## **Newport Force Main Sewer Project Along West Coast Highway Underway**

The Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) Newport Force Main Project extends along West Coast Highway between Prospect Street and Dover Drive. There are two parallel force mains, or sewer pipelines: the north force main and south force main, measuring over 5 miles long. The importance of the system and the location make this project extremely complex. The majority of Newport Beach's sewage flows through these pipelines; therefore, keeping the system operational during construction is imperative, which is why the project was split in two phases.

Phase 1, the rehabilitation and replacement of the south force main and replacement of portions of the north force main, is complete. Phase 2 commenced this year immediately following Labor Day and is scheduled for completion in May 2016. This phase of construction will complete the rehabilitation of the north force main, which is primarily between Prospect Street and east of the Newport Boulevard Bridge. New sections of sewer pipes were constructed in the median from the first phase along the Mariner's Mile corridor. The old sewer lines that were replaced with new sewer lines are no longer in use and need to be abandoned in place by filling with a cement mixture to avoid any future voids which could cause potential sinkholes. The preparatory work for the abandonment started earlier this month.



The Newport Force Main is the third project within the Newport Beach Program, a series of construction projects in the City. For more information about the program, the Newport Force Main project, and to view the latest construction alerts, visit [www.ocsewers.com/NBProgram](http://www.ocsewers.com/NBProgram). OCSD has a dedicated community liaison and hotline for this project. If you have any inquiries, you are encouraged to call the Construction Hotline at 714-679-2088, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for the duration of the construction.

## **Dover Drive / Westcliff Drive Rehabilitation Update**

All American Asphalt (AAA) has been busy installing new medians between Coast Highway and Westcliff Drive. Over the next couple weeks, new trees will be planted to supplement existing pine trees in the medians. Additionally, new groundcover, shrubs and colorful, drought-friendly plants will add to the landscape palette to create a beautiful scenic drive from PCH to Westcliff Drive.

More than 7,000 linear feet of new curb and gutter were required to create the new medians. Traditional construction methods would have taken a minimum of 3 days, large crews, trucks, traffic control and would have caused daily road congestion. Alternately, AAA used a curb and gutter machine, which uses a modified mix of cement that is thicker and less runny than

usual, to extrude formed curb and gutter in one continuous length. This method is cleaner and more efficient, thus completing the job in 1 day.



Another specialized machine used was a slot trench paver. This machine's sole purpose is to pave the slot trench left behind after curb and gutter have been poured. The slot is required to provide space to install the new curb and gutter. Once the concrete cures for a couple of days, the slot is backfilled with asphalt concrete (AC). The AC slot trench paver was another time saver, allowing AAA to repave the entire slot trench in 1 day. Combined, these two machines saved approximately 1 weeks' worth of lane closures on Dover Drive, Westcliff Drive, Cliff Drive and 16<sup>th</sup> Street.



## **Multiple Buildings Painting Project Substantial Completion**

City contractor, Tony Painting, has been busy painting many City facilities over the last few months. Thirteen public restrooms along the coast and within some of our higher-use parks were refreshed in time for summer visitors. Other buildings that were also painted included the OASIS, Newport Coast Community Center, Newport Theatre Arts Center, Police Facility, Fire Station No. 3, and Fire Station No. 8. Work was completed with minimal interruptions to the public. Next up on the City's Facilities Maintenance Master Plan is back-up generators!



## **Public Works Welcomes Debbie Elgas**

Last week, Public Works and the Permit Center welcomed its newest Permit Technician II, Debbie Elgas. Debbie lives with her 3 ½ year old son, Miles, in Lake Forest and is currently working on her Associate's degree in Sociology. Later, she plans to obtain her Bachelor's in Public Administration.

Prior to accepting Shari Rooks' old position, she spent 5 years managing homeowner's associations with Professional Community Management, Inc. before joining the public sector in 2006 as a Senior Permit Technician for the City of Laguna Beach.

On her free time, she loves to cook and hike, and has recently added country to her music catalog. More importantly, she truly enjoys spending quality time with family and friends.

We are excited to welcome Debbie to the Public Works team!



To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director

Date: October 9, 2015



### **Frankenweenie!**



The Recreation & Senior Services Department had an outdoor showing of *Frankenweenie* at Cliff Drive Park on Friday, October 2. The event included great activities, such as face painting, crafts, popcorn, and food from the Dogzilla truck. About 250 residents, including Council Member Tony Petros and City Manager Dave Kiff, came out to the park and enjoyed an evening illuminated with glow sticks. Families were also invited to fill out a brief survey in exchange for a custom City of Newport Beach fleece blanket. Over 55 surveys were collected and the overall event rating was 4.81 out of 5!

Join us for our next Movie in the Park event at Bayview Park (off Mesa Dr. near Bayview Ave.) on Friday, October 23. Festivities will begin at 5:30pm for the outdoor showing of *Monsters University* at dusk.



### **Volunteer Appreciation**

Nearly 100 Orange County volunteers gathered in celebration of their dedicated efforts towards environmental stewardship and care at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Hosted at the Back Bay Science Center, our Natural Resources volunteers were in the company of other volunteers from Newport Bay Conservancy, CA Department of Fish & Wildlife, OC Parks, and California Coastal Commission. Our devoted volunteers from the Natural Resources team contributed a collective 1300 hours for the 2014-2015 year. We are so appreciative of the contributions our volunteers have made towards the education, research & monitoring of our natural resources!





### **Park Patrol to the Rescue**

Park Patrol Officer DJ Ferris received an award and commendation on Thursday, October 10, from the Newport Beach Police Department; for his heroic actions during a domestic dispute in June 2015 on the Balboa Peninsula.

While on duty, DJ heard a woman screaming for help and observed a woman and child involved in a physical altercation with two men. One of the men had a knife and was attempting to take the child and harm the other man. DJ stepped in and took control of the situation; ordering the two men to get away from the woman and child. He then subdued the two men, removed the knife and radioed for the Police Department to respond and assist. Because of DJ's heroic actions, nobody was injured and the man with the knife was taken into custody by the Newport Beach Police Department.

Congrats DJ, the Department is lucky to have you as part of a great staff of professionals who care about this community!

### **Something to Ponder**

“Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose.”  
 -Lyndon B. Johnson



## Things To Do In

# NEWPORT BEACH:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fri. 10/9</b> 10am-4pm	<b>"Swing into History" Learn about the Big Band Era</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>FREE</b></span> OASIS-801 Narcissus Ave, RSVP at 949-644-3244
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Sat. 10/10</b> 10am-4pm	<b>Art in the Park</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>FREE</b></span> 100 Civic Center Drive
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Mon. 10/12</b> Noon-1pm	<b>Happy 5th Birthday OASIS!</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>FREE</b></span> The center celebrates it's 5th birthday with muffins and cake.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Wed. 10/21</b> 5pm	<b>Oktoberfest \$5/each</b> (ticket includes one bratwurst + beer, Age 21+) OASIS-801 Narcissus Ave, Purchase a ticket at 949-644-3244
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fri. 10/23</b> 5:30pm	<b>Movie in the Park "Monsters University"</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>FREE</b></span> Bayview Park - Off Mesa Dr. near Bay View Park
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Sat. 10/24</b> 10am-4pm	<b>Buck Gully Hike - Flora + Fauna</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>FREE</b></span> OASIS Aux. lot, 5th + Marguerite. (register at <a href="http://www.letsgetoutside.com">www.letsgetoutside.com</a> )
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>10/26-1/1</b>	<b>Toshiba Classic</b> For more information, visit <a href="http://www.toshibaclassic.com">www.toshibaclassic.com</a> .
<input type="checkbox"/>		

*Fall season is here!*

